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Henderson, Robert W. 1988. *Diploglossus carraui*.

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Diploglossus carraui Incháustegui, Schwartz, and Henderson, 1985:196. Type-locality, "Comedero, La Isabela, Puerto Plata Province, República Dominicana." Holotype, United States Nat. Mus. 197369, an adult male 270 mm in snout-vent length, collected by Niño Gómez in May, 1978 (examined by author).

• **Content**. No subspecies have been described.

• **Definition.** A large species of *Diploglossus* (males to 283 mm snout-vent length) with head scales not outlined in black. The nuchal scales posterior to the enlarged head scales lack dark pigment along their median sutures, so that the neck is not obviously lineate. The throat and venter are pale cream-color, with scattered brown markings either toward the centers of the scales or along their edges.

• **Descriptions.** The only description is by Incháustegui et al. (1985).

• **Illustrations.** None.

• **Distribution**. The three known specimens were taken at three localities, separated by a maximum distance of 90 km, north and south of the Cordillera Septentrional in the northcentral República Dominicana. The specimens have been taken in both arid and mesic habitats, including a cacao grove, at elevations of 200-300 m.

• **Fossil Record**. None.

• **Pertinent Literature**. Incháustegui et al. (1985) made comparisons between *D. carraui* and the congeneric Hispaniolan species *D. anelpistus* and *D. warreni*, and provided what little is known about the habitat of *D. carraui* . Henderson and Schwartz (1984) and Henderson et al. (1984) provided keys for identification of Hispaniolan *Diploglossus*, including *D. carraui* (as "new species" in the former and "*Diploglossus* sp." in the latter).

• **Etymology**. The species is named for Dr. José Antonio Carrau, who was responsible for securing the type-specimen.

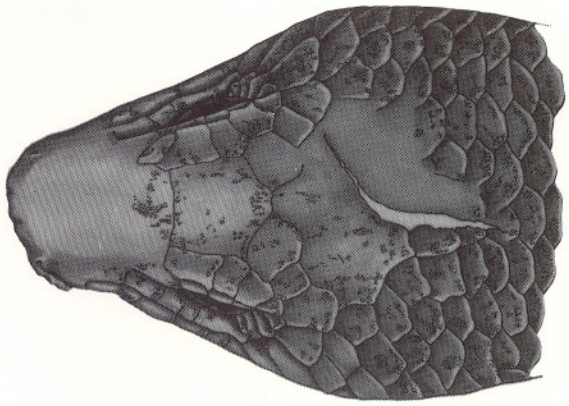

Figure. *Diploglossus carraui*. Dorsal view of the head of the holotype. The specimen is damaged, and those areas on the snout and parietal region lacking detail are badly scarred. Illustration by Rose M. Henderson.

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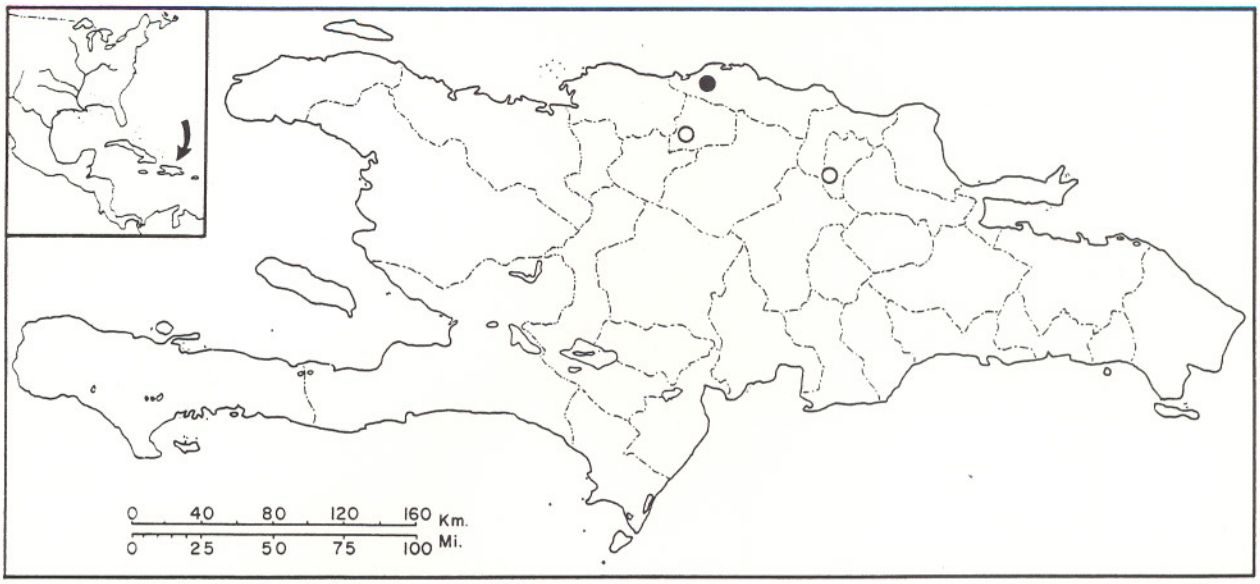

Map. The solid symbol marks the type-locality, hollow symbols mark the other known localities.